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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Most Excellent Companion Harold W. B. Bell was born on the 18th day of May, 1887, at Tyrie Mains, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Educated at Fraserburgh and Gordon's College, Aberdeenshire, and is by profession a Mechanical Engineer and Salesman.

He was married in London, England, on June 23rd, 1909, to Miss Margaret Wallace, coming to Canada in 1910.

Initiated into Masonry in Strathmore Lodge No. 53, A.F. & A.M. on December 4th, 1916, serving as Secretary, Warden and as Worshipful Master in 1923.

Exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, at Gleichen, Alberta, on the 5th of June, 1918. A Charter member of Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, R.A.M.'s serving as First Principal in 1920, elected Grand Superintendent, 1923, Grand J., 1937, Grand H., 1938. and Grand Z., 1939. Vice-President, Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of Alberta. In the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. he was Grand Director of Ceremonics, 1934.

He is a member of Calgary Lodge of Perfection, Delta Rose Croix Chapter and Alberta Consistory Edmonton, A.A.S.R. and Al Azhar Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Calgary.

He is a Past Senior Counselor, Calgary Council U.C.T. and was Councillor and Mayor of the Town of Strathmore 1918-1927.

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Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation *Proceedings*

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 8th day of May, A.D. 1940, A.I. 2470.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell	Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. C. H. Minchin	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. A. Davison	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. J. V. Follett	Past Grand First Principal
R. E. Comp. W. H. Scott	Grand Second Principal
R. E. Comp. W. B. Way	Grand Third Principal
R. E. Comp. J. A. Dunn	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Comp. W. A. Irving	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Comp. H. E. Kelley	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Comp. J. R. Smith	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Comp. J. J. Clarke	Grand Superintendent
R. E. Comp. T. S. Jeffery	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Comp. H. D. Fawcett	Grand Registrar
M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan P.G.Z.	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. A. W. Lailey	Grand Sword Bearer
V. E. Comp. Fred G. Young	Grand Organist
V. E. Comp. W. J. Hartrick	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. G. Allen	Grand Tyler

PRINCIPALS AND PAST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

Alberta Chapter, No. 1

D. E. Price, Z.; N. B. Williams, H.; Past Principals C. H. Minchin,
H. D. Fawcett, F. J. Hand, H. E. Kelley, Fred G. Young, T. F. English.

North Star Chapter, No. 2

C. W. Lilley, Z.; Past Principals A. Robinson, J. A. Dunn, Geo.
E. Hutchinson.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3

Past Principals W. V. Sanders, T. A. Montgomery, R. C.
Becker.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4

Past Principal J. E. Rannard, Proxy.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5

Past Principals W. B. Way, W. Roney, J. F. Casteel, W. M.
Marshall.

Kether Chapter, No. 8

Past Principal T. J. Cumberland, Proxy.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9

S. H. Comba, Z.; T. H. Cool, H.; Past Principals A. Carr, G.
Allen, Fred Bentley, Harold Bentley, C. A. MacPherson, C. Comba,
O. G. Craig, W. E. Mercer, J. R. Flan, J. V. Follett, P. A. Moncreiff,
W. J. Hartrick.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11

G. D. Caughey, Z.; R. B. Edwards, H.; Past Principals J. Brown,
A. Davison, W. F. Solomon, T. S. Jeffery, T. D. Gold.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12

Past Principals M. M. Downey, W. T. Coote.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13

Past Principals H. A. Ferguson, W. Hill (Proxy).

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14

Past Principals Percy Fielding, J. W. G. Morrison, W. H. Scott
(Proxy).

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15

F. Willetts, Z.; Past Principal J. R. Smith

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16

L. T. Hutton, Z.; M. S. Weatherhead, H.; Past Principal P. J. Peterson.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18

Past Principal J. J. Clarke (Proxy).

Hiram Chapter, No. 19

Past Principal N. J. Steckle.

Banff Chapter, No. 20

C. H. McAulay, Z.; Past Principals J. Watters, F. J. Walls.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21

Past Principals O. G. Craig, A. Carr, H. W. B. Bell, M. M. Downey, W. E. Mercer.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22

Past Principal J. L. Clarke.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24

C. F. Dooley, H.; Past Principals C. A. MacPherson, F. W. Keyte, J. M. Donaldson, M. M. Downey, R. C. Rankin.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26

Past Principal J. R. Flan.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27

Past Principals W. A. Irving, W. S. Cameron (Proxy), A. Nicol, J. R. Flan, J. V. Follett.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28

Past Principal A. W. Lailey.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified representatives, the Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:40 o'clock a.m., May 8th, 1940.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

M. E. Companion Downey was asked to retire and introduce M. E. Companion S. H. Jackson and M. E. Companion Rev. Samuel Fea, which he did in his usual pleasing manner. The distinguished visitors were received with Grand Honors and welcomed by M. E. Companion Harold W. B. Bell, Grand First Principal. R. E. Companion J. J. Miller, Grand Reviewer, of the Grand Chapter of B.C., was also welcomed.

CIVIC WELCOME

M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin was asked to retire and introduce His Worship the Mayor of Calgary, this the M. E. Companion did, in his inimitable Irish way. His Worship, M. E. Companion Davison, was welcomed by the Grand First Principal with cordiality, not only as Mayor of Calgary, but as one of our own Past Grand First Principals.

The Mayor:

M. E. Sir and Companions:

It has been my happy privilege to welcome the Grand Chapter on former occasions, but this is peculiarly so, introduced by an Irishman and welcomed by a Scotchman. Some twenty-five years or so ago, when this Grand Chapter was formed, our country was at war. Once more our country is at war with the same enemy. I am sure that the members of our Craft will make their usual contribution to bring it to a successful conclusion. I grant you the freedom of the City (whatever that may mean, with no cost to the City) and trust that this Convocation will be a successful and happy one.

The M. E. Companions of the Grand Chapters of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, expressed in a few words their appreciation of the warm welcome received.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the last Convocation, having been printed and distributed to the Chapters and others, be considered as read and the same be confirmed.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Excellent Companions:

I feel it is a pleasure to have the privilege to welcome you to this the Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter. To those companions who are attending Grand Chapter for the first time, I extend a cordial welcome and hope that as delegates of your respective Chapters, you will enter into the discussions of our Convocation with a sincere desire to improve and upbuild Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. To the reliable Old Timers, I trust you will be able to renew old acquaintances and form new and lasting friendships. To our distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, we are delighted to welcome you and trust you will find your visit with us to be both a happy and a memorable occasion.

On our Twenty-fifth Anniversary, the 29th day of May, 1939, you honored me by placing me in the highest office in this Grand Chapter, an office which I felt I was not worthy to fill, but whose duties I have endeavored to discharge honestly and sincerely to the best of my ability. I trust that in some measure, I have fulfilled your expectations to increase interest in Capitular Masonry in this Province.

It has been my earnest endeavor to awaken the officers and members of the constituent Chapters to some measure of responsibility for the improvement of the standing of their respective Chapters by increasing their membership through learning and doing the work of the Chapter, in a manner that will impress the candidate with that sincerity, beauty and companionship which will make him realize the step he is taking is really worth while.

To start their meetings promptly on time so that when the business of the evening was over, the companions can meet at the banquet table and have some real worthwhile fellowship before returning to their homes and families in reasonable time. In other words, to improve their masonic habits, especially as regards time, as we all have to do in respect to our daily avocations.

When we met last year our whole Dominion was joytully welcoming our beloved and their Most Gracious Majesties, King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth, on their historical visit to Canada and the United States of America. It was a very happy time for all and the outlook for peace and prosperity seemed assured. No one, not even the most embittered pessimist could have forseen the world cataclasm which was about to break upon us.

Among the finer things in life, let us work together for masonry, for liberty, equality and fraternity, for tolerance and determination to uphold our masonic institutions, which may be by some valued too lightly. Let us by precept and example show the world that masons are the most industrious, intelligent and happiest people on earth, beside the finest and best citizens in any community. Let us thank the great Jehovah that we are free born and of noble ancestry, that we have found something really worthwhile in masonry which is synonymous with higher citizenship.

NECROLOGY

Before we proceed with the general business of this Convocation it is but fitting that we should stand for a few moments in respect to the memory of those beloved companions whose labors in this life have ended.

In the midst of life we are in death. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

We extend to the relatives of our departed Companions, their Chapters and their Companions, in this and other Grand Jurisdictions, our deepest sympathies in the losses they have sustained.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will submit a detailed report on the Companions of this and other Jurisdictions who have passed to the Great Beyond.

When I was installed into the office of Grand First Principal I pledged myself to visit all of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction. "Man proposes but God disposes." I am sorry to say that I have fallen far short of my resolution, having visited only twenty Chapters on their regular meeting nights, but I met the officers of all other Chapters except those of Mount Horeb, Vermilion and David Thompson, either at their District Meetings or at their home towns as I would be passing through. Some Chapters I have visited many times during the year, but bad weather and influenza prevented at least four more visits. I might have done better but for the fact that quite a few of the Chapters meet on the same nights of the month. My visitations total fifty-eight.

Invitations to attend our Grand Chapter Convocation have been sent to the Grand Chapters of British Columbia, Canada, Manitoba, Montana, Saskatchewan, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Invitations were received to attend the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapters of British Columbia, Illinois, Manitoba, Minnesota and Saskatchewan and to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America. All were regretfully declined except that of British Columbia, which I attended on Wednesday, June 21st, 1939, at Victoria, B.C.

At this Grand Convocation M. E. Companion S. H. Jackson, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, M. E. Companion Arthur Molesworth, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, and myself were introduced by M. E. Companion Donald Adams, M. E. Companion W. R. Trench and M. E. Companion F. C. Bird. We were most cordially welcomed by the Grand Z., M. E. Com-

panion K. K. Reid, who asked us to convey warmest fraternal greetings to our respective Grand Chapters.

This was an enthusiastic and splendid meeting, being the Twenty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, all twenty-eight constituent Chapters being represented by some one hundred and sixteen delegates. The business of the meeting was conducted with harmony and dispatch, and an unique and kindly act was performed when it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried, "That R. E. Companion Rev. Dr. Samuel Fea, in recognition of his services as Grand Registrar of this Grand Chapter since its institution in 1919, be elected an Honorary Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, with full rights and privileges." This honor has been most deservedly earned by M. E. Companion the Rev. Dr. Fea, who, I am pleased to see present at our Grand Convocation.

The Grand Principals, M. E. Companions K. K. Reid and W. P. Marchant and R. E. Companion Stanley Gordon with the Past Grand First Principals entertained the visitors most regally, and I am sure that I am expressing the sentiments of the other two visitors when I say that we truly appreciate their very cordial hospitality.

My visits to constituent Chapters are as follows:

June 8th, Strathmore No. 21, Strathmore. Fraternal visitation. all Calgary Chapters represented. Many Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers in attendance. I felt it augured well for a successful year.

June 12th, Alberta No. 1, Calgary. Regular meeting. Important discussion on future of this Chapter.

June 14th, Calgary, No. 11, Calgary. Regular meeting.

June 21st, Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of British Columbia, held in City of Victoria, B.C.

August 14th, Alberta, No. 1, Calgary. Special meeting for improvement of Chapter and to consider applications.

September 7th, Otuskwan No. 9, Calgary. Regular meeting. Invested V. E. Companion W. J. Hartrick, Grand Steward.

September 13th, Calgary, No. 11, Calgary. Regular meeting. Invested V. E. Companion W. Malin, Grand Steward.

September 27th, Harmony, No. 25, Bassano. Regular business and conferring H. R. A. Degree on three candidates. A big and enthusiastic meeting for this Chapter. Work well done by regular officers. Visitors from Drumheller and Calgary. District Superintendents from Districts 2 and 4 present. Invested V. E. Companion H. H. Bieber Grand Master 4th Veil.

October 2nd, Crescent No. 24 Calgary. Regular meeting. A real discussion started for the welfare of this Chapter.

October 5th, Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary. Regular meeting.

October 7th. Members of the Calgary Chapters to the number of about thirty, including quite a few present and past Grand Chapter Officers, accompanied the officers and members of Calgary, No. 11,

on an International Visitation to Tyrean Chapter, No. 34, Cut Bank, Montana. This was a splendid trip and after arrangements had been made for our stopover for the night, we were taken to the home of Past High Priest Companion Frank E. Van Demark where about a hundred Chapter Masons sat down to a most sumptuous and tasty dinner, after which we repaired to the Chapter room, where the Alberta delegation of Chapter Masons were received with honors in real western or Cut Bank style and placed in seats of honor in the East. This was a splendid meeting and the H. R. A. Degree was conferred on three members in an impressive manner and although considerably different from our work, I am sure it was a ceremony that neither the candidates nor the Canadian Visitors will ever forget.

Some very interesting addresses were made by the Companions of the Montana Chapters as well as by M. E. Companions Ironside, Flan, Follett and Davison. From the good fellowship, friendship, companionship and respect for each other engendered at this Convocation, I am certain we should cultivate and popularize these international meetings, which will result in bringing these two nations even closer than they are today. As far as my knowledge or information goes, I would say that this meeting was one of the finest visitations that any of our Chapters or even the Grand Jurisdiction has participated in since our Grand Chapter was inaugurated, as it most assuredly has engendered a splendid feeling of good will and friendship between Alberta and Montana, judging by the tone of the addresses made at both Cut Bank and at Calgary, when the companions from the south visited a month later. Calgary Chapter, No. 11, and their member Companion E. H. Starr, who I believe fostered the idea, deserve much credit for their efforts in making these two International meetings the success they turned out to be. Before leaving Cut Bank on the morning we again met at the home of Ex. Companion Van Demark and partook of a hearty breakfast.

October 11th, Calgary No. 11, Calgary. Regular Meeting. Discussion re return visit from Tyrean Chapter Companions.

October 12th, Strathmore No. 21, Strathmore. Regular meeting. Invested V. E. Companion T. E. Wright, Grand Junior Sojourner.

October 18th, Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam. Regular meeting. Five Companions exalted to H. R. A. Degree by a team of officers composed of Companions from the four Edmonton Chapters. R. E. Companions J. J. Clarke and J. A. Dunn, District Superintendents of Districts 6 and 1 respectively occupied the chairs of Z. and P.S. M. E. Companions Sandilands and McCurdy also took prominent part. Splendid meeting.

October 19th, Strathcona, No. 25, Edmonton. Regular meeting. Discussion re co-operation with other Chapters in City to increase interest of the Companions and improve Chapters.

October 21st, Edson, No. 30, Edson. Emergent Convocation. Field day. to confer degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. on four candidates. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred by Ex. Companion Cadogan, Z., and officers of Edson Chapter. The M.E.M. and H.R.A. Degrees were conferred by a team of officers and Companions of the four Edmonton Chapters who were mostly the same Companions who did the work so well at Mount Olivet three days before. Work well done and a very good meeting.

November 1st, North Star, No. 2, Edmonton. Regular meeting. Discussion re amalgamation with Strathcona No. 25.

November 2nd, Joint District Meeting of Districts 1 and 6 under the direction of R. E. Companions J. A. Dunn and J. J. Clarke, District Superintendents. Norwood No. 18 opened and Strathcona No. 25 closed. Very little discussion. Meeting smaller than I expected. Ex. Companions J. O. Gair, Mount Olivet, Killam, and H. A. Ferguson, Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton, were elected Grand Superintendents of Districts 1 and 5 respectively, the latter District number being changed from 6 to 5.

November 3rd, Eheyeh, No. 27, Drumheller. Regular meeting, balloting on one candidate for exaltation and conferring M.M.M. Degree. Work good. Also Annual District Meeting of District 2, under the direction of R. E. Companion W. A. Irving. The country was just digging itself out of a bad snowstorm and because the roads were in terrible condition, the attendance was not as good as had been expected. A good meeting, but few questions asked. R. E. Companion Irving re-elected Superintendent for the larger District. M. E. Companion Follett addressed the meeting as did R. E. Companion MacPherson and myself.

November 4th, Calgary, No. 11, Calgary. Emergent Convocation, very special, to receive fraternal visit from Companions of Tyrean Chapter, No. 34, Cut Bank, and other Companions from Montana. There were visitors from all Calgary Chapters besides many from other Chapters throughout the Province. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred on two candidates in a very splendid and creditable manner by the regular officers. This was the best attended and most interesting meeting of the year. About one hundred and twenty Companions being present including many past and present Grand Chapter Officers. The District Superintendent R. E. Companion A. G. Ayres paid his official visit at this time and no doubt will report on the meeting. The Calgary Companions tried to outdo in hospitality and entertainment for the Montana Companions and visitors, that which was provided for us when we visited them on the previous month. A splendid idea, and I for one hope that this shall be an annual event.

November 7th, Called on Companions Young, Lambert and Davis of Bekah, No. 7, Macleod, to see about either carrying on or surrendering the Charter. It seemed at the time that I had made satisfactory arrangements to settle the affairs of this Chapter and have the Books, Warrant and paraphernalia delivered to the Grand Scribe E. at Calgary, but it required two more calls and some correspondence before the task was completed.

November 8th, Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge. Regular meeting, special event, Past Principals' night and exemplification of H.R.A. Degree. All Chapters in District 5 and many past and present Grand Chapter Officers invited to have dinner, and then attend and make this a really enthusiastic meeting. The weather suddenly broke late in the afternoon and a high wind and blizzard sprang up so that many car loads of Companions found it impossible to proceed and turned back home, when the storm began to let up. Some Companions from Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm; Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest; Kether, No. 8, Pincher Creek; and Bekah, No. 7, Macleod, did manage to complete the journey. The District Superintendent R. E. Companion J. R. Smith made his official visit and the officers of Kether, No. 8, exemplified the H.R.A. Degree. M. E. Companion Middleton

graced the meeting with his presence. The members of Shekinah Chapter tried very hard to make this meeting an outstanding success. I invested V. E. Companion A. Cherry, who is so active in the affairs of this Chapter, as Grand Senior Sojourner. It was very unfortunate for Shekinah's hopes for a really big meeting when the storm suddenly broke causing the Calgary, High River, Vulcan, Claresholm and Hillcrest Companions to fight their way back home instead of continuing to Lethbridge.

November 13th, Alberta, No. 1, Calgary. Regular meeting. H.R.A. Degree conferred on two candidates in a most dignified and impressive manner by the regular officers. The work was perfect.

November 14th, Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm. Regular meeting. District Superintendent and a number of Companions from Hillvue present. Election of officers.

November 16th, Kether, No. 8, Pincher Creek. Regular meeting. Annual District Meeting, District 5, under the direction of R. E. Companion J. R. Smith, District Superintendent. Good meeting, all Chapters in District represented except Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat. Ex. Companion W. M. Marshall, of Golden West, No. 5, High River, was elected District Superintendent. This District is now changed in number from 5 to 4.

November 17th, Joint District Meeting of Districts 3 and 4, under the joint direction of R. E. Companions A. G. Ayres and H. E. Kelley, Grand Superintendents. Held in Masonic Temple, Calgary. Opening by Otuskwan, No. 9, and closing by Crescent, No. 24. All Chapters represented. Good meeting. V. Ex. Companion C. H. McAulay, Banff, No. 20, elected Superintendent of District 3, which now includes all Calgary Chapters.

November 22nd, Harmony, No. 26, Bassano. Regular meeting and official visit of Grand Superintendent.

November 28th, Golden West, No. 5, High River. Regular meeting, examination of four candidates in H.R.A. Degree and presentation of certificate and regalia. Work well done. This was the night of this Chapter's annual game supper, one of the outstanding events in Chapter doings in this Jurisdiction. Many past and present Grand Chapter Officers and Companions from many Chapters in Districts 3, 4 and 5 were in attendance and enjoyed this splendid event.

December 11th, Alberta, No. 1, Calgary. Regular meeting. Visit of District Superintendent and Election of Officers. Invested V. E. Companion F. G. Young, Grand Organist.

December 12th, Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen. Regular meeting and Election of Officers. Invested V. E. Companion R. P. Umbrite, Grand Master of 1st Veil.

December 13th, Calgary, No. 11, Calgary. Regular meeting. M.M.M. Degree conferred. Well done Election of Officers.

December 14th, Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore. Regular meeting and visit of District Superintendent; Election of Officers. Good meeting.

December 15th, Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest. Regular meeting. Application for exaltation. Installation of Officers, which ceremony

it was my privilege to perform. A very regrettable incident happened when two of the members, R. E. Companion R. E. Donkin, Scribe E., and Ex. Companion J. J. Murray, Third Principal elect, were involved in an automobile accident when coming to the meeting and both were taken to the hospital instead. Their injuries were quite painful and the car was badly damaged. All of the Companions here seem very enthusiastic about their Chapter and in spite of the closing of the Hillcrest mines, there is a wonderful spirit of splendid companionship among them. A good meeting.

December 16th, Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary. Emergent Convocation. Field day, when all three Degrees were conferred on twelve candidates. The work was exceptionally well done by the regular officers, and a large number of members and visitors enjoyed a splendid afternoon and evening in seeing and listening to Chapter work done in a perfect manner.

December 21st, Strathcona, No. 25, Edmonton. Regular convocation and North Star, No. 2, Emergent convocation. Business: to complete the amalgamation of these two Chapters under the name of North Star and numbered 2. I gave my consent and then occupied the chair for the election and then installed the officers for the ensuing year. The Grand Superintendent R. E. Companion J. A. Dunn and other Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, ably assisted me in the performance of these duties. This was really a big evening and I have every hope that this newly organized Chapter will be able to go out and work for the good of Capitular Masonry in this district. I had hoped by this time to see some petitions for exaltation on the summonses of the Chapter, and I feel a little disappointed that the members have not yet got to work on this phase of their Chapter activities. There should be plenty of material to be found in the city of Edmonton, I am sure.

January 3rd, Crescent, No. 24, Calgary. Regular Convocation. Installation of Officers, ably done by V. E. Companion S. E. Green, assisted by Past Principals. Seems like a good start.

January 4th, Joint Convocation Otuskwan, No. 9, and Calgary, No. 11, Calgary. I was honored by having the privilege to instal and invest the Officers of these two splendid Chapters for the ensuing year. I was ably assisted by M. E. Companions Flan and Ironside, who acted as Directors of Ceremonies and by other past Officers of these two Chapters. This was a splendid meeting.

January 8th, Alberta, No. 1, Calgary. Regular meeting and Installation of Officers for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed by M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, assisted by Past Principals of the Chapter in a splendid manner. Many past and present Grand Chapter Officers in attendance.

January 11th, Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore. Regular meeting and Installation of Officers, which duty I performed, assisted by R. E. Companion A. Carr as Director of Ceremonies, and M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer. A good number of visitors and past and present Grand Chapter Officers in attendance.

January 16th, Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen. Regular meeting and Installation of Officers, which duty I performed, assisted by R. E. Companion A. Carr as Director of Ceremonies, and M. E. Companion J. R. Flan. A good meeting.

January 23rd, Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer. Regular meeting. Election and Installation of Officers, which duty was ably performed by R. E. Companion W. J. Stephenson, assisted by Past Principals of the Chapter. A good meeting.

February 1st, Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary. Regular meeting.

February 8th, Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore. A splendid address given by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer.

February 12th, Alberta, No. 1, Calgary. Regular meeting.

February 14th, Calgary, No. 11, Calgary. Regular meeting. M.E.M. Degree conferred.

February 15th, Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat. Regular meeting. Four candidates were examined in the H.R.A. Degree. Splendidly done and the candidates gave a good account of their work. I had the pleasure of presenting the certificates and regalia to them. Much interesting discussion in regard to constitutional matters and to matters pertaining to the good of the Chapter. This is a fine Chapter and the officers and members are doing good work and a lot of it. An excellent meeting.

March 4th, Crescent, No. 24, Calgary. Regular meeting. M.M.M. Degree conferred on two candidates. Good meeting.

March 7th, Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary. Regular meeting. M.M.M. Degree conferred on six candidates. Good work. Big attendance.

March 11th, Alberta, No. 1, Calgary. Regular meeting. Two applications for exaltation dealt with.

March 13th, Calgary, No. 11, Calgary. Regular meeting. H.R.A. Degree conferred.

April 1st, Crescent No. 24, Calgary. Regular meeting. M.E.M. Degree conferred. Well done. Interest in this Chapter is most decidedly showing much improvement.

April 4th, Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary. Regular meeting. M.E.M. Degree conferred on six candidates. Good work.

April 8th, Alberta, No. 1, Calgary. Regular meeting. M.M.M. Degree conferred on two candidates. Fine work.

April 10th, Calgary, No. 11, Calgary. Regular meeting. M.M.M. Degree conferred on one candidate. Good work. All Calgary Chapters showing increasing interest.

April 18th, Banff, No. 20, Banff. Regular meeting. The members of this Chapter are showing a real interest in Masonry and are practising the Chapter work every meeting.

May 2nd, Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary. Regular meeting. H.R.A. Degree conferred on six candidates. Splendid work. Fraternal visitation by Alberta, Golden West and other Chapters. An excellent meeting.

May 6th, Crescent, No. 24, Calgary. Regular Convocation. H.R.A. Degree conferred on two candidates. Past Principals night. Good work done under a severe handicap as one candidate was very hard of hearing. This was my last official visit and I was accompanied

by Most Excellent Companion J. R. Flan, R. E. Companions C. A. MacPherson, W. B. Way, Horace Fawcett, V. E. Companions F. G. Young and W. J. Hartrick. The other Calgary Chapters were well represented by their Principals and many of their members also some members from Golden West. I was received and welcomed by the First Principal Ex. Companion S. G. May in a few words of such sincerity of expression in praise of myself, as I have seldom been privileged to hear said to or about anyone. Words of mine in reply were totally inadequate to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks. A splendid meeting and this Chapter is showing tremendous improvement. May they prosper.

I am sorry to say that I could not find the time or the opportunity to visit Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin; Capital City, No. 13, and Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton; Vermilion, No. 14, Vermilion; Hiram, No. 19, Youngstown; Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury; Hanna, No. 28, Hanna, and David Thompson, No. 29, Jasper. The last named has surrendered its Charter.

I met the officers of most of these Chapters during the year, either at the District Meetings or at their home towns.

I am pleased to say that the District Superintendents of all the Districts have been very active and have been a wonderful help to me and to Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Each and every one of them are most certainly deserving of the honors conferred on them by their respective Districts.

I was pleased to accept an invitation from Cyprus Preceptory, No. 33, Knights Templar, to attend their banquet on January 27th, 1940, in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, at which I was privileged to address the members. The honor was to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, but the pleasure was mine.

I accepted an invitation sent to me as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, from the Grand Council of Western Canada Royal and Select Masters to join with them at their banquet held in Calgary on May 7th. Again the pleasure was mine and I was privileged to address the members of the Cryptic Rite on behalf of Grand Chapter.

The attendance at the Joint District Meeting of Districts 1 and 6 was not as well attended as I had hoped it would be. Only five of the nine Chapters were represented; Mount Horeb, No. 6, Vermilion, No. 14, David Thompson, No. 29, and Edson, No. 30, had no representation. The four Edmonton Chapters and Mount Olivet, No. 17, brought the attendance to about thirty-five. The Province was just recovering from a very bad snow storm and that no doubt had an adverse effect.

The highways were in a very bad condition the following evening for the meeting of District No. 2 at Drumheller, but there was a larger attendance. Three Chapters out of six were represented. The size of this District is increased by three Chapters but the condition of the roads prohibited three of the Chapters from attending.

In District No. 5 all the Chapters were represented at the District Meeting except Assiniboia, No. 3, which Chapter seemingly seldom attends the District Meetings, but who have very active and progressive present and past officers, who are keeping Capitular Masonry

at a high standard and are showing substantial gains in membership. There was a good attendance at this District Meeting.

The Joint District Meeting of Districts Nos. 3 and 4 was well attended and all of the Chapters comprising this newly arranged District were represented.

There were few questions asked at any of these meetings, which consequently gave the District Superintendents and myself more time to address the members, which addresses, I believe, have given the constituent Chapters some encouragement to increase their membership and improve their Chapters.

Grand Superintendents were elected at each of these District Meetings and I am pleased to recommend that Grand Chapter confirm the election of the following nominated Companions as Grand Superintendents of their respective Districts:

District No. 1—Ex. Companion J. O. Gair, Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam.

District No. 2—R. E. Companion W. A. Irving, Eheyeh, No. 27, Drumheller (re-elected).

District No. 3—V. E. Companion C. H. McAulay, Banff, No. 20, Banff.

District No. 4—Ex. Companion W. M. Marshall, Golden West, No. 5, High River.

District No. 5—Ex. Companion H. A. Ferguson, Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton.

Also that the rank of Past Grand District Superintendent be conferred on each of the District Superintendents, viz.:

R. E. Companions J. A. Dunn, W. A. Irving, A. G. Ayres, H. E. Kelley, J. R. Smith and J. J. Clarke.

APPOINTMENTS

I approved the following appointments of Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters:

Grand Chapter of Kansas—Ex. Companion Arthur L. Dyer.

Grand Chapter of Vermont—Ex. Companion James S. Duncan.

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER BY-LAWS APPROVED

Alberta, No. 1—Increase annual dues from \$5.00 to \$6.00.

Assiniboia, No. 3—Amend sections referring to Life Membership.

Otuskwan, No. 9—Reduce Exaltation Fee from \$50.00 to \$35.00.

Bow Valley, No. 10—Reduce Exaltation fee to \$25.00.

Strathmore, No. 21—Reduce Exaltation fee to \$25.00.

Crescent, No. 24—Reduce Exaltation fee to \$25.00.

Eheyeh, No. 27—Reduce Exaltation fee to \$30.00.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Alberta Chapter, No. 1—To advance a Brother, a Master Mason, less than six months.

North Star Chapter, No. 2—To permit Companions to wear R. A. Chapter Regalia at a special Divine Service.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3—To elect and invest a Tyler out of time.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3—To advance two Brothers, Master Masons, less than six months.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9—To confer the degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. on a number of candidates, December 16th, 1939.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11—To hold a Joint Installation with Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12—To exalt a Brother, who had resided less than one year.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13—To hold Joint Convocation with Norwood Chapter, No. 18.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17—To install officers out of time.

Banff Chapter, No. 20—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24—To change date of Regular Convocation.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27—To open Chapter at 7:30 p.m.

Edson Chapter, No. 30—To confer the degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. on a class of candidates, October 21st, 1939.

SUSPENSION OF CHARTERS

At the last Grand Chapter Convocation the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry recommended that

the Grand First Principal deal with Bekah Chapter, No. 7, in the manner prescribed in Section 175 of the Constitution, which recommendation was adopted by Grand Chapter.

On November 7th, I called on the Scribe E., Companion Arthur Young of Bekah Chapter, at Macleod, introducing myself and informing him of my mission. We met with R. E. Companion J. S. Lambert and V. E. Companion G. R. Davis and fully discussed the matter, which resulted in my giving instructions to Companion Young to issue Demits to all Companions who made a satisfactory settlement, to report all others for deletion from membership and to ship the Warrant, books and all paraphernalia of Bekah Chapter, No. 7, to R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E., at Calgary. This has been done.

On November 10th I received from David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper, the summons for a Regular Convocation to be held on the regular date of meeting, November 16th. Business mentioned on summons: A Notice of Motion to dispose of their property and to surrender their Warrant.

To say the least, I was surprised. I at once wrote to the Grand Superintendent of District No. 6, R. E. Companion J. J. Clarke, requesting him to attend this meeting as it would be impossible for me to do so, because of District Meeting at Pincher Creek on same date, and to make out and send to me a full report on the condition of this Chapter. I duly received a very full report showing that there had not been sufficient members in attendance to constitute a Regular Convocation at any time during the year, and the officers were averse to carrying on any longer.

I had the Grand Scribe E. write to the First Principal and Scribe E. of the Chapter, advising them of the procedure they must follow in surrendering the Charter, and informing them that the Funds and Property of David Thompson Chapter would be held in trust by this Grand Chapter until such time as that Grand Body may meet and finally determine.

I am able to state that Ex. Companion A. T. Gray complied with the instructions given in a satisfactory manner and the Charter, funds and property of this Chapter is now in custody of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E.

My appreciation and thanks go to the District Superintendent for the manner in which he responded to my request and in conducting and handling this delicate situation.

There may be other Chapters, the condition of which might not be exactly flourishing, but the statistical report and the reports of the Grand Superintendents will give a more full outline.

I had hoped that our membership would show an increase during my year, but I regret to say that the records will show a considerable decrease, yet I believe that our basic condition is improved. With the amount of work being done in Chapters, especially in the southern part of the Jurisdiction, I am safe in saying that our condition is much better than the records seem to show.

In my visitations I have been received with the utmost courtesy and kindness by the officers and members of the Constituent Chapters

and it would be impossible to differentiate between the Chapters regarding the hospitality, cordiality and good fellowship practiced. Yet there is a marked difference in Chapters. I refer to the attendance, interest, activity and spirit of the members of one Chapter as compared with that of other Chapters of about equal size, whose members appear to have lost interest as so few attend the meetings.

I should judge that all Chapters in the Jurisdiction had practically an equal start, and marked enthusiasm must have been very evident or their Chapters would not have been granted by Grand Chapter. Something seems to have been lacking. Have the Officers of Grand Chapter been doing their duty? Have they failed to understand their responsibilities? Do the Officers of the Constituent Chapters appreciate the honors that have been conferred upon them and the responsibilities attached thereto?

I have come to the conclusion that a few active and sincere members can hold and build up a fine Chapter but the lack of such members results in discouragement and ultimate disintegration.

It is quite evident that a few enthusiastic members, who have done their work as Officers well and who are insistent in demanding with due courtesy that the succeeding Officers shall perform their work as they should, are a necessary asset to any successful Chapter.

I find where the Chapter is opened at the stated time, where business is disposed of in an efficient manner and where anything of a contentious nature is referred to the Executive Committee so that no long and tedious and useless discussions take place in Open Chapter, that these Chapters are in a position to do work, listen to addresses or enjoy entertainment and good fellowship with the Companions.

When the Principals and Officers do their work well, because such is demanded of them by the Past Principals, the candidates are impressed and all those in attendance appreciate the fact that their time has not been wasted, then indeed with meaning do they all repeat, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

Chapter members like the aforementioned realize that they have something that is good and worthwhile, something which gives them a broader feeling of tolerance towards their fellowmen and which should inspire in them an urge to invite their Brother Masons to participate in membership and companionship in our Chapters.

We are all freeborn and under the tongue of good report. We live in a democratic country and enjoy the utmost in liberty of thought and action, so long as we keep within due bounds of all mankind.

The Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, accompanied me on all of my visits to these Chapters, except one or two, at least once. The other Companions who were always happy to go with me were M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, R. E. Companions Horace Fawcett and Sandy Carr and Ex. Companion Harold Bentley. The District Superintendents were present at nearly all meetings in their respective Districts, when I visited. Also I was especially well supported by past and present Chapter Officers when attending meetings in the cities of Edmonton and Calgary.

During the year I have travelled some seven thousand miles in the exercise of my official duties. I have been most warmly welcomed

and hospitably received in every Chapter I have visited. I have enjoyed the friendship and good fellowship of some of our country's finest citizens. I have done my best to increase interest in our Chapters and improve the spirit of the members. My talks to them have been along practical lines and I have tried to avoid tiring or embarrassing the Companions. No one of us is perfect, but if we give the best that is in us, we are accorded the respect of our fellowmen.

It is impossible to mention by name all of the Companions who have been so kind and helpful to me, and who have done so much for my comfort, happiness and support during my year of office, but they have my sincere appreciation and thanks.

In just a little while, the sceptre of office will be handed to my successor and I trust you will give him the support and charitable consideration you have accorded me.

And now, Companions, as my term draws to its close, I have so many happy memories of the courtesies received from you. Your generous and warm friendship has been an inspiration to me and the time in my year of service has sped all too swiftly. From the many kindly words and expressions of esteem said to me during the year, I feel I have found many sincere friends among the Companions and true friendship is to me one of life's most cherished possessions.

Companions, I thank you all for the honors conferred on me and I trust that I have been found worthy of the confidence you placed in me when measured by the record of the past year.

Faternally submitted,

H. W. B. BELL,
Grand First Principal.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Downey, seconded by Ex. Companion Becker, if was

RESOLVED that the Report of the Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on Grand First Principal's Address.

THE FOLLOWING GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT GRAND CHAPTER

Fraternal Greetings were extended to the Grand Chapter by the following Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Arkansas	R. E. Companion W. H. Scott.
District of Columbia . . .	M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison.
Illinois	R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin.
Ireland	M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin.
Kentucky	R. E. Companion W. S. Cameron.
Manitoba	R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson.
Maryland	M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer.
Massachusetts	R. E. Companion W. B. Way.
Michigan	M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.

Minnesota	R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke.
Mississippi	R. E. Companion A. Robinson.
Missouri	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.
New Jersey	M. E. Companion W. T. Coote.
North Carolina	R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery.
Nova Scotia	R. E. Companion P. A. Moncreiff.
Oklahoma	M. E. Companion J. V. Follett.
Saskatchewan	M. E. Companion A. Davison.
South Carolina	R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte.
Tennessee	R. E. Companion C. T. Valentine.
Texas	R. E. Companion A. Carr.
Vermont	M. E. Companion M. M. Downey.
Virginia	R. E. Companion C. Comba.
West Australia	R. E. Companion P. Fielding.
West Virginia	R. E. Companion F. J. Hand.

Letters conveying greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapters of New Zealand and Ohio were received from R. E. Companions Mayer and Richardson, expressing regrets at their inability to be present.

The above Grand Representatives were assembled at the altar and welcomed by the Grand First Principal, this was pleasingly replied to by M. E. Companion Davison, on behalf of the Representatives.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and telegrams conveying greetings and best wishes and expressing regret at their inability to be present were received from:

F. C. Bird, G.S.E., on behalf of the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

H. F. Hosfeld and J. T. Hauberg, Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., on behalf of the Grand Z. and self, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

C. A. Brimmer, Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

A. Armstrong, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

M. E. Companions Johnson, Middleton and McCurdy, R. E. Companions Ayres, Sharp, Pauling, V. E. Companion Thorn, of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Our Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards, conveying greetings and best wishes from the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17: October 18th, 1939. Eleven members and fifteen visitors present. Five candidates exalted.

General Impressions: This Chapter has taken renewed interest and a fine spirit prevails.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14: Fourteen members and four visitors present on this date, December 12th, 1939. Installation of Officers by R. E. Companion Scott, assisted by M. E. Companions Morrison, Sandilands and McCurdy. I revisited this Chapter, March 22nd, 1940, accompanied by several Edmonton Companions and helped confer the R. A. Degree. This was the first in years.

General Impressions: A fine spirit of companionship prevails and with a few more members, this Chapter will render excellent service, as it has in the past.

North Star Chapter, No. 2: January 15th, 1940. Thirty members and five visitors present; no degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter and Strathcona Chapter having amalgamated, in December, the Officers were installed by the Grand First Principal. Harmony and good fellowship obtains.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6: I have visited this Chapter on several occasions, but owing to the widely scattered area from which the membership is drawn, it is difficult to have regular convocations. This Chapter suffered a severe loss of their First Principal elect just before installation. The old officers are carrying on.

District Meeting: A joint meeting held with District No. 6, held in Acacia Hall, November 2nd, 1939. A fair attendance from the City Chapters, but only two from outside the City. Many present and past Grand Chapter Officers present. Ex. Companions Gair and Ferguson elected Grand Superintendents of Districts No. 1 and 5.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. DUNN,
Grand Superintendent.

DISTRICT No. 2

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent for District No. 2 for the past Grand Chapter year.

VISITS

Hiram Chapter, No. 19: November 14th, 1939. Nine members present and one visitor. No degree work.

General Impressions: The members of this Chapter show extreme enthusiasm and determination to carry on in the face of meagre membership.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27: November 3rd, 1939. Twenty members and eight visitors present. M.M.M. Degree conferred, work good. I attended all Convocations during year.

General Impressions: Members enthusiastic, owing to better crop conditions, and are regarding future with optimism.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28: October 18th, 1939. Ten members and four visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: Good interest shown. Hopeful of increasing membership.

District Meeting: Held at Drumheller on November 3rd, 1939. Hiram Chapter, No. 19, was not represented. M. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell was present and gave an instructive address. The Grand Scribe E. was also present. Grand Superintendent re-elected.

Signed,

W. A. IRVING,
Grand Superintendent.

DISTRICT No. 3

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor and pleasure of submitting for your consideration the following report, as Grand Superintendent:

VISITS

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22: At Didsbury, on September 6th, 1939. Nine members and two visitors present. There was no degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter has a hard struggle to hold meetings, but the members show a lively interest in their Chapter.

Banff Chapter, No. 20: At Banff, on October 19th, 1939. Twelve members and four visitors present.

General Impressions: Great credit due this Chapter for the interest shown in the Work, even though they do not have candidates, they regularly exemplify the Degrees. The M.M.M. Degree exemplified on this occasion excellently.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11: At Calgary, on November 11th, 1939. A special Convocation, at which twenty-nine members and seventy-four visitors were present, this being the return visit of Tyrean Chapter, No. 34, of Cut Bank, Montana. The R.A. Degree conferred in a most impressive manner. A most inspiring convocation.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5: At High River, on November 28th, 1939. Thirty-eight members and thirty-eight visitors present, this being the Annual Game Supper. Four candidates examined in the R.A. Degree.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing good work, an excellent spirit of harmony prevailing.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24: At Calgary, on December 4th, 1939. Seventeen members and nine visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter needs encouragement, as it does not evidence much activity; but since the beginning of the New Year it has exalted two candidates and is on the way to a general improvement.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12: At Red Deer. Ten members and five visitors present. Election and Installation of Officers by Special Dispensation, this being done by R. E. Companion Stephenson, assisted by the Grand First Principal M. E. Companion Bell.

General Impressions: This Chapter is doing fairly good work. Harmony among the Companions is quite evident.

District Meeting: A joint meeting of Districts No. 3 and 4, held in Calgary, November 17th, 1939, under the direction of R. E. Companion Ayres and R. E. Companion Kelley. The Grand First Principal M. E. Companion Bell accompanied by a number of Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, attending. The Grand First Principal addressed the meeting, saying that this was the best meeting of the Districts that he had attended. He stressed the importance of the Chapters exemplifying the Degrees, thereby maintaining the interest of the members in attending the Chapter. V. E. Companion C. H. McAulay was elected Grand Superintendent.

In concluding, may I express my sincere appreciation to the Chapters, for the kindly welcome accorded me on all my visits. I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to merit the trust reposed in me. It has been a great pleasure to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

A. G. AYRES,
Grand Superintendent.

DISTRICT No. 4

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as
Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the past Grand Chapter
year.

VISITS

Harmony Chapter, No. 26: November 22nd, 1939. Fourteen members and one visitor present. No degree work. Revisited this Chapter on December 13th, 1939, and again on January 24th, 1940. At this last meeting I installed the Officers.

General Impressions: This Chapter is in a good healthy condition. I was present at a prior meeting when the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Principal Roy Smith, and the work was done in a very creditable manner.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9: December 7th, 1939. Thirty members and five visitors present. No degree work. Revisited this Chapter December 16th, 1939 when M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. Degrees were excellently exemplified.

General Impressions: This Chapter is in a good healthy condition. They have just conferred the Degrees on a good number of new members and have a bright year ahead. All three of the Degrees were put on in excellent manner.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10: December 12th, 1939. Nine members and four visitors present. No Degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter is having a hard time to keep going, but now have some candidates in sight and prospects are better.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21: December 14th, 1939. Twenty-two members and three visitors present. No degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter is in a good healthy condition, and outlooks for a good year in 1940 are favorable.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1: December 11th, 1939; November 13th, 1939, H.R.A. Degree conferred; October 10th, 1939, M.E.M. Degree conferred; September 11th, M.M.M. Degree conferred. All Degree work was excellent.

General Impressions: This Chapter is in a good healthy condition and prospects for 1940 are bright.

District Meeting: Held at Calgary on November 17th, 1939. Attendance seventy-eight. Joint meeting of Districts No. 3 and 4. The weather was ideal and we had a splendid meeting, well attended. V. E. Companion C. H. McAulay, of Banff Chapter, No. 20, was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 for ensuing year. The Most Excellent Grand First Principal H. W. B. Bell was present and gave a very interesting talk to the Companions.

Signed,

H. F. KELLEY,
Grand Superintendent.

DISTRICT No. 5

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor of submitting my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5.

VISITS

Kether Chapter, No. 8: July 20th, 1939. Holy Royal Arch Degree conferred in excellent manner. Again visited this Chapter on November 16th, 1939 when Annual District Meeting was held.

General Impressions: Improved attendance evidenced. Finances good and general improvement anticipated.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4: November 8th, 1939. Weather was blizzardy. Twenty members and thirty visitors present. Holy Royal Arch Degree conferred in excellent manner.

General Impressions: Chapter in good shape. Hit by depression, as with every other form of endeavor, but improvement looked forward to.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16: November 14th, 1939. Fine weather. Twelve members and six visitors present. Revisited this Chapter on February 16th, 1940.

General Impressions: Membership has been maintained and finances satisfactory. Improvement anticipated for the future.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15: November 17th, 1939. Fine weather. Thirteen members present. No Degree work. Revisited this Chapter February 16th, 1940. Stormy weather. Eleven members present. M.M.M. Degree work done very well.

General Impressions: Depression has hit this Chapter severely, but despite the closing of the Hillcrest Mines it is hoped that conditions will improve.

District Meeting: Held at Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek, on November 16th, 1939. Convocation opened by Officers of Kether Chapter. R. E. Companion R. E. Donkin introduced R. E. Companion J. R. Smith, Grand Superintendent; also M. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, Grand First Principal, accompanied by R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Scribe E. Conditions of Chapters in District were reported on by R. E. Companion Donkin for Hillvue, R. E. Companion Mack for Tau Cross, V. E. Companion Cherry for Shekinah and R. E. Companion Cumberland for Kether. Assiniboia Chapter was not represented. E. Companion Marshall, of Golden West Chapter, was elected Grand Superintendent for 1940-41.

Signed,

J. R. SMITH,
Grand Superintendent.

DISTRICT No. 6

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval
my report as Grand Superintendent for District No. 6 during 1939-40.

VISITS

Capital City Chapter, No. 13: November 10th, 1939. Twenty-five
members and thirteen visitors present. No Degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter is very methodical, adheres
strictly to Constitution, has a fine set of officers and excellent past
officers.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18: January 4th, 1940. Sixteen members
and fourteen visitors present. No Degree work.

General Impressions: This Chapter has a number of earnest
Companions and the Chapter generally is in good condition.

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29: November 16th, 1939. Five
members and two visitors present. No Degree work.

General Impressions: In present circumstances cannot carry on.
No regular meetings for past year.

Edson Chapter, No. 30: October 21st, 1939. Twenty-two mem-
bers and twenty visitors present. M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A.
Degrees very well done.

General Impressions: This Chapter is in splendid condition, doing
its work well and attaining a strong position.

District Meeting: Held at Edmonton on November 2nd, 1939.
District meeting was held in conjunction with District No. 1. The
attendance, especially from the country, was disappointing; interest
was somewhat lacking. The Chapters in general need a revival of
interest and an intensive campaign for new members. E. Companions
Gair and Ferguson were elected Grand Superintendents of Districts
No. 1 and 5 respectively.

Signed,

J. J. CLARKE,

Grand Superintendent.

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Companions:

I submit the following, Statement of Membership, Restorations, Withdrawals and Deletions

During the year two Chapters amalgamated, North Star No. 2 and Strathcona No. 25, under the Warrant of North Star No. 2.

Two Chapters forfeited their Warrants—Bekah, No. 7, and David Thompson, No. 29. Grand Chapter had not received any Returns or per capita from Bekah, No. 7, since 1935.

David Thompson, No. 29, had endeavored for two years to carry on with less than the Constitutional number of companions present, but under prevailing conditions, could see no possibility of continuing, so returned their Warrant and Regalia.

Statement of Membership

Number of Chapters.	26	
Number of members, as at December 31st, 1938		1,797

Increase

Admissions.	47	
Affiliations.	9	
Restorations.	4	
	—	60

Decrease

Dimits or Withdrawals.	72	
Deletions.	46	
Deaths.	33	
	—	151
Net Decrease.		91

Number of members on roll, December 31st, 1939.		1,706
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RECEIPTS FROM CHAPTERS

Alberta, No. 1.	\$ 44.00	
North Star, No. 2.	66.75	
Assiniboia, No. 3.	142.95	
Shekinah, No. 4.	84.49	
Golden West, No. 5.	101.03	
Mount Horeb, No. 6.	57.40	
Kether, No. 8.	57.22	
Otuskwan, No. 9.	222.78	

Bow Valley, No. 10.....	52.00	
Calgary, No. 11.....	75.00	
Keystone, No. 12.....	69.65	
Capital City, No. 13.....	168.50	
Vermilion, No. 14.....	35.50	
Hillvue, No. 15.....	18.75	
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	36.75	
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	85.04	
Norwood, No. 18.....	48.70	
Hiram, No. 19.....	26.25	
Banff, No. 20.....	35.06	
Strathmore, No. 21.....	48.90	
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	15.75	
Crescent, No. 24.....	48.80	
Strathcona, No. 25.....	57.90	
Harmony, No. 26.....	63.15	
Ehneyeh, No. 27.....	72.35	
Hanna, No. 28.....	63.00	
David Thompson, No. 29.....	5.55	
Edson, No. 30.....	88.29	
Cash Sales of Supplies.....		\$1,891.51
Interest.....		7.35
		74.00
		\$1,972.86
Less Exchange, charged back.....		6.67
To Grand Treasurer.....		\$1,966.19

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. MacPHERSON,
Grand Scribe E.

RESTORATIONS

Alberta, No. 1.....Stanley H. Heighton.
Capital City, No. 13.....Roderick M. McCrimmon.
Norwood, No. 18.....Thomas M. Hughes.
Hanna, No. 28.....C. E. Sowden.

DEMITTED

Alberta, No. 1.....William G. Stinson.
Shekinah, No. 4.....John E. Shakerly.
Golden West, No. 5.....Homer T. Wilderman, Walter J. Evans,
Henry Allen.
Bekah, No. 7.....J. Arthur, E. A. Barnwell, J. Lambert,
H. Cameron, C. W. E. Gardiner, C. C.
Bremner, J. M. Paulsen, S. H. Middleton,
S. J. Pinder, S. Daly, M. Christeson,
W. P. Byers, S. Bailey, M. Gordon, F. N.
Morris, J. F. MacLachlan, R. Y. Doug-
las, A. Young, John Allan.
Kether, No. 8.....Eilfrid L. Welsh.
Bow Valley, No. 10.....Arthur M. Fraser.
Calgary, No. 11.....Neil Thom.

- Keystone, No. 12.....Charles T. Eline, William J. Trott, Frank Mineau, M. H. W. Fizzell.
 Capital City, No. 13.....Alfred Leonard, Austin L. McKay, Adam S. Turnbull.
 Vermilion, No. 14.....Hugh A. Ellis, Harvey M. Bennett, Charles D. Brown.
 Hillvue, No. 15.....Eric Berquist.
 Hiram, No. 19.....Neil H. Golley, Frederick Gibson.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....Henry P. Kenney, John C. Knight.
 Crescent, No. 24.....Arthur G. Hayward, William H. Day, David G. McKenzie, Eli Spence, William Sheriff, Wentworth H. Parker, George Bird.
 Stratheona, No. 25.....August Bizek, Harry C. Neal, Franklin Booth, Robert G. Miles.
 David Thompson, No. 29..Nail A. Bolli, George E. Cook, Alexander Gray, Alfred F. McGuire, Ross S. McKee, Thomas Nelson, Alexander Bonner, Peter Sorenson, Charles Gotchall, Alexander T. Gray, Charles Ewing, James Proctor, Nathan Nunn, Frederick A. Nelles, John Freear, Alexander McKenzie, Richard McKinley.
 Hanna, No. 28.....Thomas C. Harley.
 Edson, No. 30.....A. S. Maxwell.

DELETIONS

- Assiniboia, No. 3.....James J. Marshall, Richard S. Hodge.
 Bekah, No. 7.....John Allen, Albert W. Bawden, William Betts, William A. Blair, G. R. Davis, Charles W. McKinnon, Wm. V. Price, Robert M. Reid, Rollin C. Snyder, John Swinerton, Allan Young, A. S. Peebles.
 Kether, No. 8.....Burton O. Morrow, James T. Lee, Charles H. Boag.
 Otuskwan, No. 9.....Arthur G. Birmingham.
 Bow Valley, No. 10.....Alfred E. Doidge, Alec A. J. Lewis, Thomas W. Symons, Stephen Williams, Robert W. Harrison, Francis B. Park.
 Capital City, No. 13.....Alexander Riddick, Norman T. Fenby, Ralph Mattison.
 Vermilion, No. 14.....Alexander C. Marnoch (1938).
 Norwood, No. 18.....Robert S. Davis, Herbert I. Ross, Ben Lauer, Alex. Cockburn, Peter Glassman.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22....Harry A. Pearson, John W. Munro, Arthur H. Mann, Sidney A. Chilton.
 David Thompson, No. 29..Samuel Y. Sliter, Thomas C. Young, Thomas Cheeseman, John F. Claxton, John W. Macklin, Alexander Garvie, James Rimmer, David W. Hay.
 Edson, No. 30.....Albert E. McDonald.

Auditor's Report

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter
for the year ending February 29th, 1940, and submit herewith:

- (a) Condensed Treasurer's Statement.
- (b) Expense and Revenue Statement.
- (c) Balance Sheet as at February 29th, 1940.
- (d) Benevolence Fund Statement.

At the close of the fiscal year there were on hand in safety deposit
at the bank:

\$2,900 Provincial Savings Certificates.
\$1,300 Dominion Bonds.

Since February 29th, a further \$500 Provincial Certificates have
been cashed and the amount deposited in the bank.

Depreciation on Equipment has been charged at the usual rates
or the year.

Inventories of supplies on hand have been listed and priced by
the Grand Scribe E and certified by him to be correct.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY W. FORD, C.A.,
Auditor.

Calgary, Alberta.
April 15th, 1940.

Grand Treasurer's Statement

(Condensed)

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, February 28th, 1939	\$1,649.81
Received from Grand Scribe E.	1,966.19
Transferred from Savings Account.	50.00
	\$3,666.00
Disbursements.	2,807.41
Balance on hand, February 29th, 1940.	858.59

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, February 28th, 1939	\$ 422.28
Provincial Savings Certificates cashed.	500.00
Interest earned.	6.37
	\$ 928.65
Dominion Bond purchased.	\$300.00
Transferred to General Account.	50.00
	350.00
Balance on hand, Feb. 29th, 1940.	578.65

EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT**EXPENSES**

Depreciation		\$ 107.61
Grand Chapter:		
Proceedings	\$171.51	
Printing	14.85	
Rent	30.00	
Tyler	10.00	
Entertainment	68.08	
Christmas Cards	17.50	
Officers' Regalia	39.50	
Grand Z., Regalia	77.00	
		428.44
Travelling:		
Grand Z, 1938-39	\$112.20	
Grand Z., 1939-40	125.00	
Grand Superintendents	150.00	
		387.20
Office:		
Salaries	\$625.00	
Insurance	25.46	
Telephone	33.37	
Supplies	32.53	
Miscellaneous	13.99	
Stamps	30.11	
Engrossing	10.60	
		771.06
		\$1,694.31

REVENUE

Affiliations	\$ 8.00
Certificates	157.00
Dispensations	46.00
Dues	1,176.25
Fines	4.75
Life Mem. Certificates	87.00
Interest	80.37
Profit, Chapter Supplies	46.89
Profit, Chapter Regalia	24.00
Chapter No. 29 Credit Balance cancelled	.87
	\$1,631.13
Deficit for the year	63.18
	\$1,694.31

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Consists of:	
Provincial Savings Certificates	\$2,900.00
Dominion Bond	850.00
	\$3,750.00

N.B.—No change in the amount during the year.

Balance Sheet as at February 29th, 1940

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Bank Balance, General Account.....	\$ 858.59	Account Payable.....	\$ 11.34
Bank Balance, Savings Account	578.65		
Due from Chapters	\$ 317.16	SURPLUS	
Less Credit Balances.....	11.01	As at February 28th, 1939.....	\$3,650.90
Dominion Bond.		Less:	
Inventories:		Account remitted Grand	
Chapter Supplies	\$ 802.38	Chapter	\$ 5.25
Chapter Regalia.....	15.59	Deficit for the Year	63.18
Office Supplies	223.34		
Insurance.....	18.76		68.43
Equipment:			
Grand Chapter Regalia	\$1,426.34		3,582.47
Office Equipment.....	593.63		
Library.....	66.12		
Less Depreciation.....	\$2,086.09		
	1,745.74		
	340.35		
	\$3,593.81		\$3,593.81

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1939

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1938	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Deletions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1939	Increase	Decrease	Net Decrease
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	D. E. Price	F. J. Hand	168	4	1	1	1	1	2	170	2	...	...
2	North Star	Edmonton	3rd Thursday	C. W. Lilley	O. J. Barker	90	...	...	...	...	...	2	89	...	1	...
3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	F. G. Richardson	W. B. Stevens	132	5	...	...	...	2	2	133	1	...	...
4	Shenkinah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	M. McKenzie	J. C. Redman	89	...	1	1	1	...	1	88	...	1	...
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	H. Shillam	H. Shillam	67	5	1	3	3	...	...	70	3	...	...
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	2nd Wednesday	F. F. Young	H. G. Smith	44	...	...	...	...	...	1	43	...	1	...
7	Bekah	Macleod	Chapter Forfeited	...	...	31	...	...	19	12	...	...	...	...	31	...
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	3rd Thursday	J. Marcellus	J. F. Gray	43	3	...	1	1	3	...	42	...	1	...
9	Otuskwan	Calgary	1st Thursday	S. H. Comba	F. Bentley	122	11	1	...	...	1	3	130	8	...	...
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	J. Gaylen	R. P. Umbrite	37	...	...	1	6	1	...	29	...	...	...
11	Calgary	Calgary	1st Wednesday	G. D. Caughey	O. W. Harris	70	2	1	1	1	...	...	72	2	...	...
12	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	G. H. MacDonnell	A. G. Ayres	90	2	1	4	4	...	1	88	...	2	...
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	H. S. Baird	J. Cleveley	117	1	...	1	3	3	5	107	10	...	...
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	J. S. Cross	J. W. G. Morrison	45	...	...	3	1	1	1	40	5	...	...
15	Hillview	Hillcrest	3rd Friday	F. Willetts	R. E. Donkin	27	...	...	1	1	...	...	25	2	...	...
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	L. T. Hutton	E. H. Mack	29	...	...	...	...	...	1	28	...	1	...
17	Mount Olivet	Kilam	3rd Wednesday	J. O. Gair	Wm. Smith Jr.	33	5	1	...	...	...	...	39	6	...	...
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	F. A. Smith	J. H. Richardson	50	1	...	1	2	5	1	46	4	...	...
19	Hiran	Youngstown	Monday after full moon	T. J. McKeage	P. A. Davie	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	2	...	...
20	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	C. H. McAlay	T. W. Baderston	46	...	...	...	...	...	46	46	...	...	...
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	C. Bradwell	D. A. Perry	47	...	1	2	4	2	2	21	...	8	...
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	2nd Thursday	J. A. Matheson	J. L. Clarke	29	...	...	7	...	...	3	59	10	...	...
23	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	S. G. May	F. W. Keyte	69	1	...	4	4	...	2	51	5	...	...
24	Strathcona	Edmonton	Amalgamated with N. Star No. 2	...	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	Harmony	Passano	4th Wednesday	H. B. Stitt	J. R. Donaldson	41	2	1	...	...	...	5	44	3	...	...
26	Etheyeh	Drumbeller	1st Friday	J. R. D. Teasdale	T. Campbell	70	2	...	1	1	...	5	67	...	3	...
27	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Wednesday	A. G. Bond	C. Wylie	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...
28	David	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Thompson	Jasper	Warrant Forfeited	...	...	25	...	...	17	8	...	...	...	25	...	...
30	Edson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	R. D. Layng	A. J. Fyfe	51	4	1	1	1	1	...	54	3	...	...
*Correction						1797	47	9	4	72	46	33	1706	29	120	91

COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report that we approve the action taken by the Grand First Principal with respect to the surrender of the Charters of Bekah Chapter, No. 7, and David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, respectively. We also recommend that the Charter of Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, which amalgamated with North Star Chapter, No. 2, be left with North Star Chapter for the present.

No other matter came before the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. COOTE,
J. W. G. MORRISON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Coote, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by E. Companion Williams, it was

RESOLVED, that the Reports of the Grand Scribe E., Treasurer and Auditor, be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, as well as the report of R. E. Companion H. W. Ford, Auditor, for the past year ended February 1940.

- (1) We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's report.
- (2) We recommend to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter that R. E. Companion Ford be continued as Auditor for the ensuing Grand Chapter year, at the same remuneration, \$25.00.
- (3) We recommend that the printing of the Proceedings for 1940 be awarded to the "Albertan Job Press", who submitted the best tender.
- (4) We commend the Grand Scribe E. and Grand First Principal in handling the financial affairs of Grand Chapter so satisfactorily.
- (5) We recommend that the printing of Reviews be dispensed with this year but that in future reviews be printed in condensed topical form.

In accordance with Clause C, Section 51, of the Constitution, your Committee submit the following estimate of the probable expenses

of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, ending February, 1941, and urge upon those concerned to keep within such proposed appropriations:

Office Expense	\$ 150.00
Salaries (Grand Scribe E. and Auditor)	625.00
Grand Z's Regalia	85.00
Proceedings, printing.	175.00
Travelling:	
Grand Z	\$200.00
Grand Superintendents	150.00
Grand Lecturer.	50.00
	400.00
Grand Chapter Convocation	80.00
Purchase of Regalia for re-sale	200.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Total	\$1,765.00

All of which is fraternally submitted:

C. H. MINCHIN, *Chairman*.
T. S. JEFFERY,
J. R. FLAN,
J. V. FOLLETT,
FRED W. YOUNG.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Jeffery, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is with considerable satisfaction that your Committee on Grievances and Appeals is in a position to report that nothing under this heading had to be brought to our attention, enabling us to conclude that the year passed free of friction or discord.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. MERCER,
J. E. RANNARD,
J. J. CLARKE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Benevolence beg leave to report that no requests for assistance from the Benevolence Fund of Grand Chapter were received by it during the year that has closed, any cases in need

of aid having been taken care of by the Chapters, the following Chapters—Alberta, Assiniboia, Golden West, Mount Horeb, Kether, Otuskwan, Norwood, Hiram, Banff, Harmony and David Thompson—having reported expending various amounts.

We commend these Chapters for practising this truly Masonic virtue and express the hope that there will be less need of help in the present year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN, *Chairman*.
W. E. MERCER,
R. C. RANKIN,
M. M. DOWNEY,
W. B. WAY.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

-REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has had under advisement the several notices of motion submitted to Grand Chapter and having duly considered the same desire to report as follows:

1. The proposed amendments to Sections 219 and 316 appear to be in proper order to be dealt with by Grand Chapter.

2. As to Section 214, Subsection (i) the amendment passed at Grand Chapter last year with respect to the payment of Grand Chapter dues and printed on page 56 of the Proceedings, appear to meet this proposal except as to the date, February 28, instead of March 1. It is, however, the opinion of your Committee the proposed amendment cannot be considered in its present form as it conflicts at least with Section 115 of the Constitution and may possibly affect other sections as well.

3. With regard to the proposed amendments to Section 252, 252(a), 253 and 259, your Committee recommends in view of a possible conflict with Sections 254 and 255 and probably a necessary interpretation of what the term "good standing" means, the proposals be tabled and that in the meantime, Grand Scribe E send a memo thereof to the different Chapters again for their particular consideration and to report before February 28, 1941.

No further matter was submitted your Committee for its consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,
F. J. HAND,
C. H. MINCHIN,
J. R. FLAN.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

As we stand here, in solemn conclave, pausing for a few moments to pay tribute to those whom we shall not see again, those who have gone to that country from whose bourne no traveller returns, let us with all reverence and humility bow to the inevitable.

Death does not always wait until the tree of life has withered, nor does it always give warning of its approach.

*"Death aims with fouler spite
At the fairer marks."*

This Grand Chapter has suffered heavily during the past twelve months. From seventeen Chapters we have reports of the passing of thirty-two Companions. Each of these Chapters affected has our deepest sympathy, but we feel that Hillvue, No. 15, calls for special mention in the loss they sustained in the death of Companion Wm. A. Beebe, "that grand old man" of Masonry, who, at the age of 90, was still attending his Chapter.

*"Another good friend has gone into the night
As we try and reach out for his hand,
But a tender remembrance is all that we have.
It is strange, but we can't understand.
In sorrow we gaze at the home he has left,
Realising as well as we can,
But this thing we know, as good qualities go,
The old friend we have lost was a man."*

To Capital City Chapter, No. 13, for the loss of R. E. Companion David McIntosh, who was also on the rolls of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, as an Honorary Member.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, suffered keenly in the passing of V. E. Companion H. S. Gillis. It is not easy to fill such vacant chairs.

To the relatives and friends of these thirty-two Companions, we offer our deepest sympathy and as a solace, to quote the words of Hugh Robert Orr, in his poem, "They Softly Walk":

*"They are not gone who pass
Beyond the clasp of hand,*

*Out from the strong embrace.
 They are but come so close
 We need not grope with hands,
 Nor look to see, nor try
 To catch the sound of feet.
 They have but put off their shoes
 Softly to walk by day
 Within our thoughts, to tread
 At night our dream-led paths
 Of sleep.*

*"They are not lost who find
 The sunset gate, the goal
 Of all their faithful years.
 Not lost are they who reach
 The summit of their climb,
 The peak above the clouds
 And storms. They are not lost
 Who find the light of sun
 And stars and God."*

Our Sister Jurisdictions have also suffered the loss of thirty Grand Chapter Officers, three of these being Past Grand First Principals, and twenty-seven Past Grand High Priests. To these Grand Chapters we offer our condolence.

*"Though the book of life's a story
 Sometimes hard to understand,
 Every word and phrase is written
 By a loving Author's hand;
 And the story never closes
 With the pages we have read,
 For the best and finest Chapters
 In the book, are still ahead."*

Your Committee beg to recommend that suitable pages be set aside in our Proceedings, recording the loss we have sustained.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. WAY, *Chairman.*

M. M. DOWNEY.

DEATHS IN OUR OWN JURISDICTION

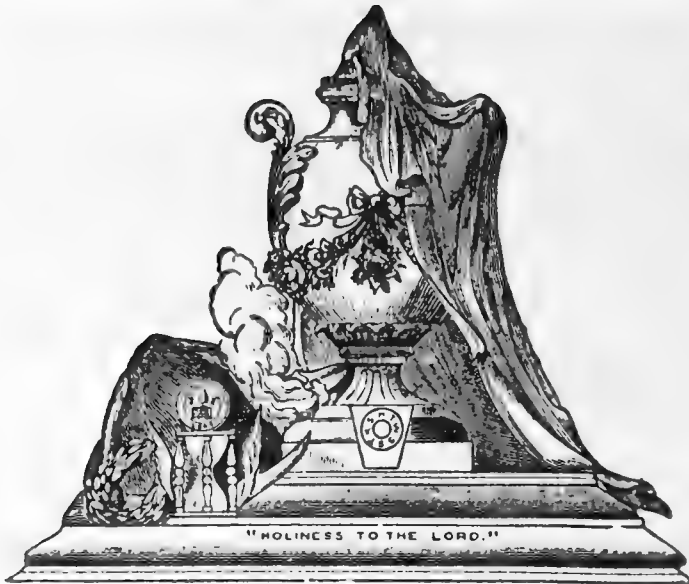
Alberta, No. 1.....	Edward P. Kimball, Joseph A. Bunting.
North Star, No. 2.....	William A. Mahaffy.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Alexander Watson, Robert H. Hardy.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	Fred Coates.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	John Raper.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Jas. Holmes, Jno. E. Belyea, Jno. Budge.
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	Duncan McBean.
Keystone, No. 12.....	Thomas H. Bickford.
Capital City, No. 13.....	David McIntosh, Daniel Powers, Geo. A. Lackey, Joseph B. Verdon, Henry Taylor.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	Matthew Brinacombe.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	William A. Beebe.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	John B. Humphreys.
Norwood, No. 18.....	David McIntosh.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	Louis Harmer, Roland A. Craig.
Crescent, No. 24.....	Clarence D. Bruce, Wellington M. Howe, Adolph W. Anhorn.
Strathcona, No. 25.....	Duncan H. S. Gillis, Hugh Cameron.
Eheych, No. 27.....	Gilbert J. Anderson, James D. Evans, Knud Hansen, William A. Milton, Donald McAskell.

DEATHS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

British Columbia.....	Henry Giegerich, P.G.Z.
Canada.....	William N. Ponton, P.G.Z.
Manitoba.....	Henry L. Adolph, P.G.Z.; Malcolm Render, Grand J.
Nova Scotia.....	Joseph W. Boyd, P.G.H.P.
Colorado.....	Jethro C. Stanford, P.G.H.P.; Robt. A. Steen, P.G.H.P.
Georgia.....	William A. Simmons, Grand Chaplain Emeritus.
Illinois.....	William A. Eichler, P.G.H.P. Sylvester O. Spring, P.G.H.P.
Kentucky.....	Isaac T. Woodson, P.G.H.P.; John C. Worsham, P.G.H.P.; James Garnett, P.G.H.P.
Louisiana.....	Emerson H. Addington, P.G.H.P.; Guy W. Hopkins, P.G.H.P.
Michigan.....	Geo. K. Phillips, P.G.H.P.; Donald M. Wilson, P.G.H.P.
Montana.....	Charles A. Rasmussen, P.G.H.P.
Nebraska.....	Oliver A. Fick, P.G.H.P.
New Jersey.....	William H. Sebring, P.G.H.P.
New York.....	G. Tracey Stagg, P.G.H.P.
Ohio.....	William H. Tateman, P.G.H.P.
Texas.....	Charles L. Alderman, P.G.H.P.; Sam J. Helm, P.G.H.P.
Virginia.....	Charles H. Ergenbright, P.G.H.P.
Washington.....	William T. Drips, P.G.H.P.
West Virginia.....	Frederick C. Steinbicker, P.G.H.P.; Ira S. Nichols, P.G.H.P.
Wisconsin.....	George H. Keenan, P.G.H.P.
Wyoming.....	Jesse Converse, P.G.H.P.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Way, seconded by M. E. Companion Downey, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.



In Memory
OF THE DECEASED
Companions of Our Own
and Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1939

*A little while delayed
 Later or sooner to one seat we hasten;
 We all fare thither; 'tis the last long home.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on the above are pleased to note more frequent application for Works on Royal Arch Masonry have been made during the past year, several of which are still out on loan and it is hoped are being used as a basis to prepare addresses for use at Chapter meetings, when little or no business comes up thereby not only filling a gap, but creating interest and spreading knowledge of the beauties of our Royal Order.

Some time during the past four years, a list of the contents of the Library was sent to each Scribe E. in the hope that he would retain it for the information of the Companions. This, it would appear, has not been done to any extent; we would suggest therefore that a list be sent annually to each Chapter, with a request to the Scribe E. to call the attention of the Companions to the same.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. MERCER,
J. R. FLAN,
J. W. G. MORRISON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Library, Research and Education be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, beg to report that harmony prevails between our Grand Chapter and other Grand Jurisdictions.

Owing to financial circumstances of this Grand Chapter, the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions have not been reviewed and prepared for publication.

Fraternally submitted,

E. G. IRONSIDE, *Chairman*.

On the motion of R. E. Companion MacPherson, seconded by V. E. Companion Hutchinson, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is very gratifying to your Committee to report that the Degree work throughout the Jurisdiction is in many cases done with efficiency, thereby showing that the Officers of the Chapters have a fair knowledge of the essentials and take pride in doing their work correctly, indeed in some cases the work is almost perfect—but there is always room for improvement.

At the District Meetings few questions have been submitted; in all such cases, they have been answered by the Grand Lecturer or some member of the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN, *Chairman*.

C. A. MacPHERSON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Permanent Committee on Work be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FORMS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee have under consideration a receipt form for the use of the Grand Scribe E., a change in the form for Annual returns and the Register for use of the Chapters. As there are sufficient supplies for at least one year, we do not recommend any change until these are exhausted.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND, *Chairman*.

J. V. FOLLETT.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Hand, seconded by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Forms be received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter adjourned at 12:30 o'clock p.m. for one hour and a quarter.

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Alberta beg to report that we have carefully examined the records of the six Grand Superintendents in every respect.

All the Superintendents have apparently performed their duties satisfactorily and efficiently. With the exception of Mount Horeb, No. 6, all Chapter were visited at least once, and several twice. It seems that District Superintendent Dunn attempted to meet this Chapter but could not get the proper co-operation from the Chapter.

We note that Bekah and David Thompson Chapters had no meetings and made no returns during the year and therefore have had their Charters suspended by the Grand First Principal—an act that we strongly commend.

In District No. 1, North Star and Strathcona Chapters amalgamated. This step meets with our hearty approval and we believe it will be of great benefit to the Chapters concerned and to the Royal Craft in this Province. Perhaps this example could be followed in other districts for the good of the Order.

The Grand Superintendents are quite optimistic for the future in spite of the fact that our numbers have steadily decreased for the past ten years. We agree in their optimism but only in so far as it spurs our members to greater activity among Craft Masons for additions to our ranks. As we have stated again and again, unless we receive new transfusions of younger and more vigorous members we are doomed to a slow and lingering death.

Outstanding dues are again an eyesore; several small Chapters having hundreds of dollars unpaid. Scribes E. and the First Principal are chiefly responsible for collecting dues. We believe that a finance committee in each Chapter would be more effective in this regard.

Attendance at meetings appears to be improving and the banner this year should be awarded to Kether Chapter which, with a total membership of 43, shows an average attendance for the whole year of 20, practically 50 per cent of their membership.

We note that some Chapters had none of their principal officers at either Grand Chapter or District meeting. This shows a woeful lack of interest in Chapter affairs, and we can readily see why these Chapters are among the most backward in all particulars in the Jurisdiction.

We recommend to the Grand First Principal that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon the following:

J. A. Dunn
W. A. Irving
A. G. Ayres

H. E. Kelley
J. R. Smith
J. J. Clarke

In view of the amalgamation of North Star and Strathecona Chapters and the cessation of David Thompson Chapter we recommend that District No. 5 be eliminated and

Capital City
Norwood and
Edson Chapters

be included in District No. 1 beginning with Grand Chapter year 1941.

J. V. FOLLETT,
C. COMBA,
W. T. COOTE.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Coote, seconded by M. E. Companion Downey, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On the motion of M. E. Companion Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Way, it was

RESOLVED, that M. E. Companion Samuel H. Jackson, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and M. E. Companion Rev. Samuel Fea, Ph.D., Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, be elected honorary members of this Grand Chapter, with the Rank of Past Grand First Principal.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that \$5.00 be paid the Grand Tyler, for his services at this Grand Convocation.

On the motion of E. Companion Williams, seconded by M. E. Companion Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the \$5.00 be paid Companion Bullough for his services as Organist at this Grand Convocation.

On the motion of R. E. Companion MacPherson, seconded by R. E. Companion Jeffery, it was

RESOLVED, that the debit balance against Norwood Chapter, No. 18, be remitted.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

On the motion of R. E. Companion Scott, seconded by R. E. Companion Way, it was

RESOLVED, that the next Grand Convocation be held in the City of Edmonton.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee of the Grand First Principal's Address, view with gratitude the earnest and faithful services given by our Grand First Principal in the execution of a most active year to the Royal Craft.

We heartily commend him for making so many visits to constituent Chapters and in addition to have attended all six District Meetings, thereby contacting so many Companions.

We note with much satisfaction that our Grand First Principal was in attendance at the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and feel sure his visit there will further cement Masonic ties, likewise on his visit to Tyrean Chapter, No. 54, Cut Bank, Montana. We heartily congratulate the Companions of Calgary Chapter, No. 11, for having promoted this latter visit and quite agree with our Grand Z that such International visits should take place oftener.

We congratulate the Excellent Companions who have been appointed Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter and those representing Alberta in other Grand Jurisdictions.

We concur in his action in connection with the forfeiture of the Charters of David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, at Jasper, and Bekah Chapter, No. 7, at Macleod.

There is a bank balance of approximately \$65.00 also \$300.00 in debentures, which was formerly the property of David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper; we recommend that the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be instructed and authorized to place these to the credit of this Grand Chapter in accordance with Section 185 of our Constitution.

We concur in dispensations issued as they appear to be in harmony with our Constitution.

Your Committee congratulate Most Excellent Companion Bell on having associated with him Companions who were so ready and willing to render service to the Royal Craft in these anxious times and likewise to express to you, Most Excellent Sir, the sincere gratitude of

all Companions in this jurisdiction for your very faithful and untiring services which we feel sure will reflect its good results as the years go on.

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. MINCHIN, *Chairman*.
W. T. COOTE,
J. R. FLAN,
J. W. G. MORRISON,
J. V. FOLLETT,
W. E. MERCER.

On the motion of M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have carefully checked the Register of Grand Chapter and have distributed the ballots in accordance with the rules of Grand Chapter.

There are 22 Chapters represented by their Officers, Past Principals and Proxies, with a total of 112 Votes.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND, *Chairman*.

On the motion of R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, seconddd by R. E. Companion O. G. Craig, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Grand First Principal requested M. E. Companions Jackson, and Fea to act as Scrutineers.

The election took place with the following results:

Grand First Principal.....	M. E. Companion W. H. Scott
Grand Second Principal.....	R. E. Companion W. B. Way
Grand Third Principal.....	R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard
Grand Treasurer.....	R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery
Grand Scribe E.....	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson

Grand Scribe N.	R. E. Companion H. Bentley
Grand Principal Sojourner	R. E. Companion G. E. Hutchinson
Grand Registrar	R. E. Companion H. D. Fawcett
Grand Tyler	Companion F. Loughlin
Executive Committee, two-	
year term	R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin
	R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson
	R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke
	V. E. Companion G. B. Thorn

NOTICES OF MOTION

Section 219—As amended. Carried.

Section 316—Carried.

All others laid on the table for further consideration.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Grand Z.	M. E. Companion W. H. Scott
Grand H.	R. E. Companion W. B. Way
Grand J.	R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard
Grand Supt., District No. 3.	R. E. Companion C. H. McAulay
Grand Supt., District No. 4.	R. E. Companion W. M. Marshall
Grand Supt., District No. 5.	R. E. Companion H. A. Ferguson
Grand Scribe N.	R. E. Companion H. Bentley
Grand Principal Sojourner	R. E. Companion G. E. Hutchinson

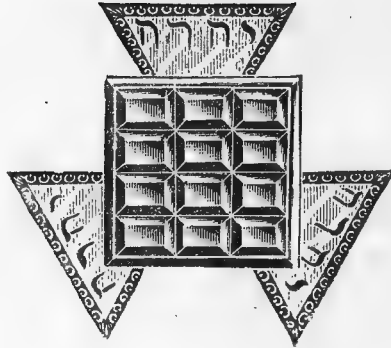
GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, was closed in AMPLE FORM at 4:45 o'clock p.m.

Cyril A. MacPherson

Grand Scribe E.





ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the Province of Alberta convened in Annual Convention in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on Wednesday, May 8th, A.D. 1940, A.B. 3853, at 5:10 p.m. The Convention was opened in AMPLE FORM with the following officers and Excellent Companions in attendance:

OFFICERS

M. E. Companion James R. Flan.....	<i>President</i>
M. E. Companion William T. Coote.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
M. E. Companion Samuel Jackson.....	<i>as Chaplain</i>
M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey.....	<i>Recorder</i>
R. E. Companion J. Edgar Rannard.....	<i>as Master of Ceremonies</i>
E. Companion William H. Green.....	<i>as Conductor</i>
M. E. Companion Harold Bell.....	<i>as Steward</i>
R. E. Companion J. J. Clark.....	<i>as Sentinel</i>

Petitions were read from the following Excellent Companions:

- Alexander Anderson, Alberta Chapter, No. 1.
- Gaius Allen, Calgary Chapter, No. 11.
- Frederick Bentley, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- Harold E. Bentley, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- Roy W. Bond, Strathmore Chapter, No. 2.
- George D. Caughey, Calgary Chapter, No. 11.
- Stanley Comba, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- Orlando G. Craig, Strathmore Chapter, No. 21.
- G. S. Draper, Alberta Chapter, No. 1.
- James Dunn, North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- Rev. Dr. Samuel Fea, Vancouver, B.C.
- Frederick J. Hand, Alberta Chapter, No. 1.
- Walter J. Hartrick, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.
- William Irving, Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27.
- Thomas S. Jeffery, Calgary Chapter, No. 11.
- Charles W. Lilley, North Star Chapter, No. 2.
- D. E. Price, Alberta Chapter, No. 1.

Dr. W. H. Scott, Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.
 Frederick G. Young, Alberta Chapter, No. 1.

RESOLVED, on motion of R.E. Companion Walter Hill, seconded by M.E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, "That the petitions be received and accepted."

The above named nineteen Companions were then introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form.

The following Officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:

M. E. Companion William T. Coote.....	<i>Most Ex. President</i>
M. E. Companion Harold W. B. Bell.....	<i>Ex. Vice-President</i>
M. E. Companion Canon Middleton.....	<i>Ex. Chaplain</i>
R. E. Companion George W. Elliott.....	<i>Ex. Treasurer</i>
M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey.....	<i>Ex. Recorder</i>
R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand.....	<i>Ex. Master of Ceremonies</i>
E. Companion William H. Green.....	<i>Ex. Conductor</i>
R. E. Companion Walter Hill.....	<i>Ex. Herald</i>
R. E. Companion William B. Way.....	<i>Ex. Steward</i>
V. E. Companion W. A. Ackland.....	<i>Ex. Organist</i>
R. E. Companion J. J. Clark.....	<i>Ex. Sentinel</i>

The following greetings were received:

E. Companion C. W. Wooley.....	Nova Scotia and P.E.I.
M. E. Companion H. Minchin.....	Ohio.
M. E. Companion M. M. Downey.....	Montana.

MEMBERS

W. A. Ackland, Gaius Allen, A. Anderson, H. W. B. Bell, Fred Bentley, H. E. Bentley, W. C. Black, R. W. Bond, G. F. Butler, G. D. Caughey, G. L. Chesney, J. Cleveley, J. J. Clarke, S. Comba, W. T. Coote, E. Corley, O. Cowin, O. G. Craig, G. Cruickshank, M. M. Downey, G. S. Draper, A. H. Duff, L. C. Duneway, James Dunn, G. W. Elliott, R. Evans, Dr. Samuel Fea, Percy Fielding, J. R. Flan, J. V. Follett, K. Fraser, Robert Glen, G. L. Gothard, W. D. Graham, W. H. Green, F. J. Hand, W. J. Hartrick, W. J. Haynes, R. Henderson, W. Hill, E. G. Ironsides, Wm. Irving, T. S. Jeffery, J. E. Johnson, R. Lambertson, C. W. Lilley, F. Mayer, W. E. Mercer, S. H. Middleton, J. W. G. Morrison, N. T. Macleod, C. A. MacPherson, E. C. McDonald, J. D. McDonald, J. A. McGhee, R. L. McIlveen, A. M. McKee, G. B. McLeod, F. S. McPherson, F. E. Nichol, R. H. Norton, J. W. Oakes, M. B. Peacock, Geo. Plasteras, Chas. Potter, D. E. Price, J. E. Rannard, R. C. Rankin, J. Richardson, A. Riddick, A. Robinson, M. Robbins, W. H. Scott, F. A. Smith, J. C. C. Spence, R. H. Struthers, G. L. Tipp, R. P. Umbrite, Ernest Ward, F. S. Watson, W. Way, A. West and F. G. Young.

The Convention was then closed in Solemn Form at 6:45 o'clock p.m.

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Recorder

**EVENING ADDRESS OF M. E. COMPANION REV. SAMUEL FEA,
Honorary Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of
British Columbia**

Most Excellent Companion Toastmaster:

I heard a great secret about you today—at least it was told me in a whisper—and this is the way secret campaigns start. When you introduced His Worship, the Mayor, in Grand Chapter this morning, I said to the man next to me, "Who's that chap?" and he answered, "M. E. Companion Minchin, he's an Irishman from Dublin." And I said, "No, really?" I thought it was a secret. But tonight I find "the cat is out of the bag." Everybody knows it. And so you come from Dublin—dear, dirty Dublin—the only city in the world where the English language is correctly spoken! But one is a little diffident about mentioning cities by name these days. This morning my brother from Saskatchewan said that Victoria is the second most beautiful city he had visited. He didn't say which was the first, but we from Vancouver would like to know. Out there across the inlet we have a mountain which from its contour we call the "Sleeping Beauty" and sometimes when it is referred to we do not know whether the city of Victoria is what the speaker has in his mind. I find the same trend of thought prevails here in Alberta. The last time it was my privilege to be in Calgary was in 1927 on my way to attend Great Priory on the Knights Templar in Edmonton. By the way, M. E. Companion Downey comes from there, and tonight, Most Excellent Sir, he claims that he is Irish because he wears the shamrock on the 17th of March. Let me tell him that a real Irishman does not need to wear it—like you and I, he carries the stamp of the nation on his face. Well, at Great Priory that year our banquet was held in the Macdonald Hotel, and the Mayor of Edmonton welcomed us to "The largest city in Canada." Well, I thought there must be something in the doctrine of the reincarnation of souls for here is Ananias come back in the flesh and standing before me. However, he qualified it by saying he meant in area, as the town included all the farms in Alberta not otherwise designated. He said also that Edmonton was fast becoming great in population, referring sarcastically to a statement that Calgary had a population of 85,000. From the table where the Calgary Knights were sitting—they hung together for protection, I suppose—came a chorus of "Here, here." And the Mayor replied, "Yes, it must be HERE, for it is not in Calgary." See how these Masons tease one another. Yes, just as a brother teases his sister, as a maid her lover; but they love one another too. For Free Masons form a Brotherhood of Man, who, taking the art of the Builder as the expression of certain great moral principles, are united in the effort to apply these principles to daily life. Any great art might be used in the same way; but Building is the greatest and most venerable of all human arts. In it the idea of construction found its earliest, its most perfect, and its most enduring realization. When man discovered that by taking the stone of the earth and piling them up in certain forms, he could make useful dwellings and lasting monuments, a great stride forward had been taken in the path of progress. It was the permanence of these monuments which made history possible, for the first records were cut in stone or burnt in brick. From these sprung all literature. From the surfaces prepared by the builder the pictorial arts first found their larger opportunity; and it was for the adornment of buildings that the sculptor executed his masterpieces. Thus all the great arts are

linked together in origin and history, and central among them, uniting and supporting them all, stands the art of the builder.

Now, as we trace down through the ages the work of the builder, we find a great and most impressive development. Man digs out of the earth the things that he needs as the material of his operations; he proceeds to use them to express the ideas he has in his mind, but only so far as their nature will permit. The artist is always limited by the qualities of the medium in which he works. The builders of ancient Egypt discovered that stones squared and fitted together, and piled up into a pyramid will stand firm for ages. They constructed those vast monuments which were ancient in the time of Abraham. They discovered that stones set up as pillars will support other stones and make possible a great super structure. You can trace the development of this idea from the ancient Temple of the Sphinx to the vast Temples of Luxor; on into the glorious architecture of ancient Greece with its strange and subtle harmonies of line and proportion; on into the new development when the Arch makes its appearance; on into the tremendous architecture of Ancient Rome rising to its most impressive proportions in the Coliseum, the vast aqueducts, and the immense vaultings of the Basilicas; on into the wonderful Cathedrals of Christian Europe, with their wealth of beauty and endless variety; and on into our own day, when there has come into existence another type of building, depending on the qualities, not of stone, but of iron or steel. And so we see that the great art and the great human tradition on which Freemasonry is founded, occupying a central position in the experience of mankind.

Now, these things, for our purpose tonight, are an allegory. For just as man takes the stones of the earth and builds up a great temple to serve his high purpose, and by its beauty to give glory to God, so does the conduct of man in his daily life using the events and circumstances which affect him, build up his character. So is the man made. And as it is with the individual, so it is with the community. It also is to be built up, a holy temple consecrated to the service of God. And here is the essence, the very heart and soul of Masonry.

Masonry is based on religion. Its foundation is faith in God, the Great Architect of the Universe. No man in the Anglo-Saxon races can be made a Freemason who does not profess his belief in God. The Bible, the Volume of the Sacred Law, is ever present in our Lodges, and no work is lawful without its presence. This is the material which Freemasonry uses in its building. It does not interfere with any Church system. It does not take the place of the Church or dictate to its members on any matter affecting the rules of the Church to which they belong. It teaches them to observe these rules, and to live as good citizens obeying both Divine and human law. It takes no side in politics, uniting in one fellowship those who differ widely in their political views. It is a powerful influence to prevent any drifting apart—an influence which works altogether by moral, social and beneficent means. Aye, while other societies may be separative and exclusive, the bon-fide Mason will say with Edwin Markham -

*"He drew a circle that shut me out -
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win;
We drew a circle that took him in."*

And this brings me to another side of Masonic activities. It is a benevolent institution of the most valuable kind. While promising

nothing, it performs everything. It lives out the apostolic definition: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—James 1:27. To help our fellow creatures in distress we regard as an essential part of our Masonic activity—the necessary outcome of our religious faith and brotherly affection.

It is told of three man—stone masons—who were working in the grounds of a cathedral in course of erection, that the first was asked what he was doing, and his answer was this: "I am working for seven dollars a day"; that the second was asked what he was doing, and his answer was, "I am squaring this stone"; that the third was asked what he was doing, and his answer was, as he looked up at the great cathedral in the making, "I am helping to build *that*."

"I am helping to *build that*." Companions, what are you and I helping to build? Surely it is a better and a brighter time in this world of humans; a time when, as an old prophet phrased it, humanity's God "shall be One, and His Name one"; a time when each nation shall be at once self-supporting and self-reliant, *and* a worthy brother and companion of every other nation; a time when "Holiness to the Lord" shall be unsoiled not only upon the Holy Arch and the High Priest's Mitre and the bowls before the altar, but also "upon the bells of the horses", or, more modernly, upon the hub and the steering wheel of our automobiles; and upon every "pot in Jerusalem and Judah", or more modernly, upon every portion of our domestic equipment, upon every counter in every store, upon every desk in every office, and upon every piece of machinery in every factory. "A time when the war drums throb no longer, and the battle flags are furled, in the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World." A time when the dream of the great Scottish poet will be fulfilled, "and Man to man, the wide world o'er, shall brothers be for all that."

*"Toil away and set the stone
That shall stand when you are gone.
Ask not that another see
The meaning of your Masonry.
Grind the gem and dig the well—
For what? For whom? I cannot tell.
The stone may mark a boundary line,
The well may flow, the gem may shine.
Be it wage enough for you
To shape them well and set them true.
Of the future who can tell?
Work, my friend. And so, Farewell."*

A farmer went to visit his son at college, and was taken to the research department where men were at work on a new discovery which would cause everything that it touched to vanish into thin air. "It's a fine idea" said the farmer, "but what are you going to keep it in when you get it?" So, today, we say we must bend all our energies and work to win this war; but when we win it, what are we going to do with it? Ah! Then the world will be, as it is today, in need of greater friendliness, in need of greater security in commercial life, in need of a better understanding between its several peoples, in need of some courageous protest against lawlessness, against wanton extravagance and against that undue and un-Masonic absorption in material things which is blinding man to the real meaning and worth of life.

I wonder how many of you have seen that passage in the Book of Ezekiel, where he says, "Make a chain, for the land is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of violence." Yes. Make a chain. The chain is already made. It is a chain of loyal hands and loving hearts, symbolizing Unity and Strength and Love. You Masons have your secret signs and tokens that you purpose to keep to yourselves. You have a right to them. You respect them. You would keep them inviolate. But, after all, the principles of Truth and Integrity and Love, on which the Masonic Order is based, and which it exists to exemplify and commend, these great principles we are willing to proclaim from the house-tops, that all may know where we stand and what we desire to see fulfilled. And so may we not say, with a fervent seer of today:

*"Ring it aloud from the steeple. Tell it from tower and hill,
Safety and strength for the people, Charity, Hope and Good-will.
Say to the publishing breeze, There is sight for the eyes of the Blind,
Freedom and Faith on the seas; Justice and peace for Mankind."*

**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION
MAY 19th, 1914**

*S. Y. Taylor.....	1914	*W. M. McNab.....	1927
*J. N. Rankin	1915	*F. S. Selwood....	1928
F. S. Watson.....	1916	J. R. Flan.....	1929
*R. Patterson.....	1917	J. W. G. Morrison	1930
*A. R. Dickson	1918	J. A. McGhee.....	1931
M. M. Downey.....	1919	J. V. Follett.....	1932
N. T. Macleod.....	1920	A. West.....	1933
*H. Darling.....	1921	A. Davison.....	1934
G. B. McLeod	1922	W. E. Mercer.....	1935
W. T. Coote.....	1923	H. Sandilands.....	1936
J. E. Johnson.....	1924	C. H. Minchin.....	1937
S. H. Middleton	1925	A. B. McCurdy.....	1938
E. G. Ironside.....	1926	H. W. B. Bell.....	1939
		W. H. Scott	1940

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

J. F. Yorke.....	Saskatchewan
D. F. Adams.....	British Columbia
G. C. Burgess.....	Saskatchewan
H. de Roche.....	Saskatchewan
*A. Little.....	Manitoba
H. L. Adolph.....	Manitoba
*R. J. F. Coster	Saskatchewan
J. F. Dart.....	Manitoba
J. F. Irwin.....	Manitoba
E. R. Wylie.....	Saskatchewan
F. E. Doull.....	Saskatchewan
T. S. Cook.....	Manitoba
W. B. Saunders	Wyoming
W. B. Hooker.....	Saskatchewan
E. T. Johnson.....	Manitoba
S. D. Cruden.....	Manitoba
C. E. Cole.....	Manitoba
S. H. Jackson	Saskatchewan
S. Fea.....	British Columbia

HONORARY MEMBERS

Geo. Syme.....	Manitoba
Chas E. Cole	Manitoba

GRAND SCRIBES E.

M. M. Downey.....	1914 - 1916
J. E. Johnson.....	1917 - 1921
E. G. Ironside.....	1922 - 1924
*C. R. Wentzel.....	1925 - 1932
C. A. MacPherson.....	1933 - 1939
* Deceased.	

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Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion J. O. Gair

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No. 6 Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin
No. 14 Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 17 Mount Olivet	Killam

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No. 21 Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 26 Harmony	Bassano
No. 27 Ebeyeh	Drumheller
No. 28 Hanna	Hanna

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No. 11 Calgary	Calgary
No. 12 Keystone	Red Deer
No. 20 Banff	Banff
No. 22 Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury
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No. 4 Shekinah	Lethbridge
No. 5 Golden West	High River
No. 8 Kether	Pincher Creek
No. 15 Hillvue	Hillcrest
No. 16 Tau Cross	Claresholm

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R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson	Two Years
R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke	Two Years
V. E. Companion G. B. Thorn	Two Years
R. E. Companion F. J. Hand	One Year
R. E. Companion C. Comba	One Year
R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp	One Year
V. E. Companion F. G. Young	One Year

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Grand Steward	V. E. Companion J. C. Wright
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion A. J. Fyfe
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion C. A. Potter
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion O. A. Raham
Grand Tyler	Companion F. Loughlin

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NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 14th day of May, 1941.

C. A. MacPHERSON,
Grand Scribe E.

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G. Lodge M.M.M.....		
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*Deceased

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1940 and 4,000 equal to 5,940.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1940 and 530 equal to 2,470.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1940 and 1,000 equal to 2,940.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1940 less 1,118 equal to 822.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1940 and 1913 equal to 3,853

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1940 and 3,760 equal to 5,700. After September add another year.

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1940

- M. E. Comp. W. H. Scott**.....Grand First Principal
Vermilion, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. W. B. Way**.....Grand Second Principal
High River, Alberta
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